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S.S. Lazio



FC Salzburg

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Group G - Matchday 1

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Match background

Previous meetings

None

S.S. Lazio - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/12/02	R3	S.S. Lazio - SK Sturm Graz	0-1 agg: 3-2	Rome	Szabics 87
28/11/02	R3	SK Sturm Graz - S.S. Lazio	1-3	Graz	Amoah 44; Chiesa 46, Inzaghi 56,87

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/12/97	R3	S.S. Lazio - SK Rapid Wien	1-0 agg: 3-0	Rome	Venturin 85
25/11/97	R3	SK Rapid Wien - S.S. Lazio	0-2	Vienna	Casiraghi 38, Mancini 61

FC Salzburg - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/11/03	R2	Parma FC - FC Salzburg	5-0 agg: 9-0	Parma	Carbone 1,7, Filippini 43, Sorrentino 47,87
06/11/03	R2	FC Salzburg - Parma FC	0-4	Linz	Filippini 60 (p), Gilardino 65, Hidetoshi Nakata 84, Rosina 87
15/10/03	R1	Udinese Calcio - FC Salzburg	1-2 ag: 2-2	Udine	Bertotto 14; Hässler 61, Eder 77
24/09/03	R1	FC Salzburg - Udinese Calcio	0-1	Linz	Fava 36

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/12/94	GS	FC Salzburg - AC Milan	0-1	Vienna	Massaro 27
28/09/94	GS	AC Milan - FC Salzburg	3-0	Milan	Stroppa 39, Simone 60,63

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/05/94	F	FC Internazionale Milano - FC Salzburg	1-0 agg: 2-0	Milan	Jonk 65
26/04/94	F	FC Salzburg - FC Internazionale Milano	0-1	Vienna	Berti 35

Record versus clubs from opponents' country

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
S.S. Lazio	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	6	2
FC Salzburg	3	0	0	3	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	8	1	0	7	2	17

FC Salzburg make their first competitive trip to the Eternal City in UEFA Europa League Group G with hosts S.S. Lazio looking to ensure they do not leave Rome with as good a result as their previous Austrian visitors.

Previous meetings

- The sides have never met, and while all but one of Salzburg's previous four trips to Italy have ended in defeat, Lazio may remember that the last Austrian Bundesliga side to play them at the Stadio Olimpico, SK Sturm Graz, left with a 1-0 win in the second leg of a 2002/03 UEFA Cup third round tie.

Match background

- Lazio's only UEFA Cup group stage campaign in 2004/05 saw them fall short of a place in the Round of 32. This is Salzburg's first appearance in the group phase of a competition since they participated in the 1994/95 UEFA Champions League, finishing third in their section.
- Lazio have lost just one of their last eleven European home games, going down 2-1 against Olympiacos FC in the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League group stage. Six of those matches ended in draws, however.
- Salzburg's away form has been good in recent seasons. They have won four of their last six games on the road, losing the other two. Their most recent trip was a 3-0 loss at Maccabi Haifa FC in the UEFA Champions League play-offs.

Team facts

- Formerly a player at AC Cesena, Davide Ballardini took over as Lazio coach during the summer following the departure of Delio Rossi. He had previously been in charge at Cagliari Calcio before earning a number of fine results as boss of US Città di Palermo last season.
- Salzburg are coached by former Netherlands international defender Huub Stevens (18 caps), who won the UEFA Cup as FC Schalke 04 coach in 1996/97. Salzburg are his third new club in as many seasons, having spent the last two campaigns in charge of Hamburger SV and then PSV Eindhoven.
- Salzburg defender Rabiou Afolabi spent the 2000/01 season on loan with Lazio's Serie A rivals SSC Napoli but never made a first-team appearance.
- Salzburg's Saša Ilić earned a 2-2 draw at Lazio during his time as an FK Partizan player in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup group stage. Partizan would go on to qualify, whereas Lazio missed out.
- Lazio visit PFC Levski Sofia on Matchday 2, while Salzburg are at home against Villarreal CF on the same night, 1 October.

Team facts

S.S. Lazio

Formed: 1900

Nickname: The Biancocelesti (The White and Sky Blues)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1999
- UEFA Cup: (1998)
- UEFA Super Cup (1): 1999

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 2 (2000)

Italian Cup: 5 (2009)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Cup unless indicated otherwise)

2008/09: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2007/08: UEFA Champions League group stage

2006/07: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: group stage

2003/04: UEFA Champions League group stage

2002/03: semi-finals

2001/02: UEFA Champions League first group stage

2000/01: UEFA Champions League semi-finals

1999/00: UEFA Champions League quarter-finals

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

5-0: Lazio v AC Omonia

12/09/95, UEFA Cup first round first leg

5-0: Lazio v Boavista FC

28/09/77, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-4 on three occasions, most recently v NK Maribor (19/10/99, UEFA Champions League first group stage)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Lazio v Chelsea FC

04/11/03, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

6-0: RC Lens v Lazio

02/11/77, UEFA Cup second round second leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

5-0: Lazio v AC Omonia (see above)

5-0: Lazio v Boavista FC (see above)

- Biggest away win

0-4: Vitória SC v Lazio (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Lazio v FC Barcelona

22/10/75, second round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

6-0: RC Lens v Lazio (see above)

FC Salzburg

Formed: 1933

Nickname: Die Bullen (The Bulls)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup: (1994)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 5 (2009)

Ten-year record (UEFA Cup unless indicated otherwise)

2008/09: first round

2007/08: first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2006/07: first round

2005/06: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2003/04: second round

2002/03: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2001/02: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: UEFA Intertoto Cup third round

1999/00: did not compete in UEFA club competition

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

7-0: Salzburg v FC Banants

17/07/08, UEFA Cup first qualifying round first leg

- Biggest away win

2-6: FC Nistru Otaci v Salzburg

01/07/00, UEFA Intertoto Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Salzburg v Parma FC

06/11/03, UEFA Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Parma FC v Salzburg

27/11/03, UEFA Cup second round second leg

5-0: Fortuna Düsseldorf v Salzburg

17/09/80, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

7-0: Salzburg v FC Banants (see above)

- Biggest away win

1-4: FK Sūduva v Salzburg

14/08/08, second qualifying round first leg

0-3: FC Banants v Salzburg

31/07/08, first qualifying round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Salzburg v Parma FC (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Parma FC v Salzburg (see above)

Squad list

S.S. Lazio

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UELQ		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Albano Bizzarri	ARG	09/11/77	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
40	Antony Iannarilli	ITA	18/12/90	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Alessandro Berardi	ITA	16/01/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Davide Mangerini	ITA	15/07/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
86	Fernando Muslera	URU	16/06/86	23	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
Defenders															
2	Stephan Lichtsteiner	SUI	16/01/84	25	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	19	-
3	Lionel Scaloni	ARG	16/05/78	31	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	71	2
11	Aleksandar Kolarov	SRB	10/11/85	23	#	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	7	1
13	Sebastiano Siviglia	ITA	29/03/73	36	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	9	-
25	Cribari	BRA	06/03/80	29	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	14	-
26	Ștefan Radu	ROU	22/10/86	22	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	17	1
46	Luis Pedro Cavanda	ITA	02/01/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Alessio Campoli	ITA	17/01/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Luca Andrea Crescenzi	ITA	02/04/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Lorenzo Petroni	ITA	01/04/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Alessio Luciani	ITA	18/01/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
87	Modibo Diakhite	FRA	02/03/87	22	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
91	Marco Davide Faraoni	ITA	25/10/91	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Stefano Mauri	ITA	08/01/80	29	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	2	-	14	1
6	Ousmane Dabo	FRA	08/02/77	32	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	15	-
7	Eliseu	POR	01/10/83	25	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
8	Matuzalem	BRA	10/06/80	29	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	17	3	37	7
17	Pasquale Foggia	ITA	03/06/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
23	Mourad Meghni	FRA	16/04/84	25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
32	Cristian Brocchi	ITA	30/01/76	33	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	9	-	36	-
33	Roberto Baronio	ITA	11/12/77	31	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	26	1
42	Federico Sevieri	ITA	19/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Giuseppe Capua	ITA	11/01/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Marco Lanni	ITA	20/04/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Alvaro Cavalieri	ITA	21/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Tommaso Ceccarelli	ITA	02/06/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Enrico Zampa	ITA	18/03/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Riccardo Perpetuini	ITA	04/08/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Tommaso Rocchi	ITA	19/09/77	31	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	5	2	17	7
10	Mauro Zárate	ITA	18/03/87	22	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1
18	Stephen Makinwa	NGA	26/07/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	12	3
41	Jacopo Sciamamma	ITA	24/05/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Manuel Ricci	ITA	25/04/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Alessandro Di Mario	ITA	16/07/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Lorenzo Cinque	ITA	22/08/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Flavio Trombetta	ITA	05/02/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74	Julio Cruz	ARG	10/10/74	34	-	2	-	-	-	3	2	6	-	68	20
Coach															
-	Davide Ballardini	ITA	06/01/64	45	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

FC Salzburg

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UELQ		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Eddie Gustafsson	SWE	31/01/77	32	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	4	-	16	-
31	David Schartner	AUT	07/09/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Heinz Arzberger	AUT	27/08/72	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
Defenders															
3	Milan Dudić	SRB	01/11/79	29	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	20	-	42	4
5	Rabiou Afolabi	NGA	18/04/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	16	-	19	-
6	Christian Schwegler	SUI	06/06/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	9	-
14	Barry Opdam	NED	27/02/76	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	34	1	39	1
15	Franz Schiemer	AUT	21/03/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	12	2	22	2
17	Andreas Ulmer	AUT	30/10/85	23	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	6	-
23	Ibrahim Sekagya	UGA	19/12/80	28	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	3	-	14	1
34	Stefan Schwab	AUT	27/09/90	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
8	Thomas Augustinussen	DEN	20/03/81	28	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	11	-	30	-
10	Nikola Pokrivač	CRO	26/11/85	23	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	-	18	-
11	Patrik Ježek	CZE	28/12/76	32	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	9	-	37	1
13	Somen Tchoyi	CMR	29/03/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	2	-	10	2
18	Dušan Švento	SVK	01/08/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	14	-	26	1
19	Simon Cziommer	GER	06/11/80	28	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	10	-	19	1
24	Christoph Leitgeb	AUT	14/04/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	3	-	15	1
25	Admir Vladavić	BIH	29/06/82	27	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	1	16	2
32	Stefan Ilsanker	AUT	18/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
35	Marcel Holzmann	AUT	03/09/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Alexander Zickler	GER	28/02/74	35	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	15	1	78	13
9	Robin Nelisse	NED	25/01/78	31	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	14	2	24	5
21	Marc Janko	AUT	25/06/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	3	1	10	3
27	Djordje Rakić	SRB	31/10/85	23	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	-
Coach															
-	Huub Stevens	NED	29/11/53	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	64	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

D Disciplinary: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

UELQ¹: Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances in qualifying rounds only

UEL²: Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday

UEL³: Total appearances in the UEFA Europa League, first round to final only

UEFA⁴: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches

Fixtures and results

S.S. Lazio

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
23/08/09	League	Atalanta BC (H)	W 1-0	Rocchi 22
30/08/09	League	AC Chievo Verona (A)	W 2-1	Cruz 41 (p), 53
12/09/09	League	Juventus (H)	L 0-2	
20/09/09	League	Calcio Catania (A)		
23/09/09	League	Parma FC (H)		
27/09/09	League	US Città di Palermo (H)		
04/10/09	League	ACF Fiorentina (A)		
18/10/09	League	UC Sampdoria (H)		
25/10/09	League	AS Bari (A)		
28/10/09	League	Cagliari Calcio (H)		
01/11/09	League	AC Siena (A)		
08/11/09	League	AC Milan (H)		
22/11/09	League	SSC Napoli (A)		
29/11/09	League	Bologna FC (H)		
06/12/09	League	AS Roma (A)		
13/12/09	League	Genoa CFC (H)		
20/12/09	League	FC Internazionale Milano (A)		
06/01/10	League	AS Livorno Calcio (H)		
10/01/10	League	Udinese Calcio (A)		
17/01/10	League	Atalanta BC (A)		
24/01/10	League	AC Chievo Verona (H)		
31/01/10	League	Juventus (A)		
07/02/10	League	Calcio Catania (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Genoa CFC	3	3	0	0	8	3	9
2	Juventus	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
3	UC Sampdoria	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
4	FC Internazionale Milano	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
5	ACF Fiorentina	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
6	S.S. Lazio	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
7	Udinese Calcio	3	1	1	1	7	7	4
8	US Città di Palermo	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
9	Parma FC	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
10	AC Milan	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
11	AC Siena	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
12	AC Chievo Verona	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
13	AS Bari	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
14	SSC Napoli	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
15	AS Roma	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
16	Bologna FC	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
17	AS Livorno Calcio	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
18	Cagliari Calcio	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
19	Atalanta BC	3	0	0	3	0	3	0
20	Calcio Catania	3	0	0	3	4	8	0

FC Salzburg

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
19/07/09	League	FK Austria Wien (H)	W 2-1	Zickler 70, Tchoyi 90
25/07/09	League	SV Ried (A)	L 0-1	
01/08/09	League	LASK Linz (H)	W 3-2	Tchoyi 42, Janko 62, Zickler 72
08/08/09	League	SV Mattersburg (A)	W 3-2	Nelisse 39, Švento 50, Cziommer 84
15/08/09	Cup	SK Vorwärts Steyr (A)	W 7-1	
22/08/09	League	SC Magna Wr. Neustadt (A)	D 1-1	Janko 40
29/08/09	League	SV Kapfenberg (H)	W 4-0	Zickler 11, Tchoyi 14, Cziommer 36, Pokrivač 61
13/09/09	League	SK Rapid Wien (A)	D 2-2	Tchoyi 38, Švento 39
20/09/09	Cup	SV Grödig (A)		
23/09/09	League	SK Sturm Graz (H)		
26/09/09	League	SK Austria Kärnten (A)		
03/10/09	League	SK Austria Kärnten (H)		
17/10/09	League	FK Austria Wien (A)		
24/10/09	League	SV Ried (H)		
28/10/09	League	LASK Linz (A)		
31/10/09	League	SV Mattersburg (H)		
07/11/09	League	SC Magna Wr. Neustadt (H)		
21/11/09	League	SV Kapfenberg (A)		
28/11/09	League	SK Rapid Wien (H)		
05/12/09	League	SK Sturm Graz (A)		
12/12/09	League	SK Austria Kärnten (H)		
13/02/10	League	SV Ried (A)		
20/02/10	League	LASK Linz (H)		
27/02/10	League	SK Rapid Wien (A)		
06/03/10	League	SC Magna Wr. Neustadt (H)		
13/03/10	League	SV Kapfenberg (H)		
20/03/10	League	FK Austria Wien (A)		
24/03/10	League	SK Sturm Graz (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Salzburg	7	4	2	1	15	9	14
2	SK Sturm Graz	6	4	1	1	13	6	13
3	FK Austria Wien	7	4	1	2	14	10	13
4	SV Mattersburg	7	4	0	3	12	11	12
5	LASK Linz	7	3	1	3	22	17	10
6	SK Rapid Wien	6	2	3	1	14	8	9
7	SV Ried	7	2	2	3	5	8	8
8	SC Magna Wr. Neustadt	7	2	1	4	11	15	7
9	SV Kapfenberg	7	2	0	5	6	17	6
10	SK Austria Kärnten	7	1	1	5	8	19	4

Match-by-match lineups

S.S. Lazio

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

S.S. Lazio 3-0 IF Elfsborg

Goals: 1-0 Kolarov 24, 2-0 Zárate 36, 3-0 Mauri 69

Lazio: Muslera, Lichtsteiner, Mauri (Diakhite 86), Matuzalem (Dabo 58), Zárate (Eliseu 75), Kolarov, Siviglia, Cribari, Brocchi, Baronio, Cruz

(27/08/09)

IF Elfsborg 1-0 S.S. Lazio (agg: 1-3)

Goals: 1-0 Avdic 70

Lazio: Muslera, Lichtsteiner, Matuzalem, Rocchi, Siviglia (Kolarov 23), Meghni, Cribari, Radu, Brocchi (Eliseu 52), Baronio, Cruz (Zárate 66)

Group G

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
PFC Levski Sofia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.S. Lazio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Salzburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villarreal CF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (17/09/09)

S.S. Lazio v FC Salzburg

Matchday 2 (01/10/09)

PFC Levski Sofia v S.S. Lazio

FC Salzburg v Villarreal CF

Matchday 3 (22/10/09)

FC Salzburg v PFC Levski Sofia

S.S. Lazio v Villarreal CF

Matchday 4 (05/11/09)

PFC Levski Sofia v FC Salzburg

Villarreal CF v S.S. Lazio

Matchday 5 (02/12/09)

FC Salzburg v S.S. Lazio

Matchday 6 (17/12/09)

S.S. Lazio v PFC Levski Sofia

Villarreal CF v FC Salzburg

Match officials

Referee	Said Ennjimi (FRA)
Assistant referees	Frédéric Cano (FRA), Djemel Zitouni (FRA)
Additional assistant referee	Hervé Piccirillo (FRA)
Additional assistant referee	Ruddy Buquet (FRA)
Fourth official	Didier Falcone (FRA)
UEFA Delegate	David Delferiere (BEL)
UEFA Referee observer	Marinus Koopman (NED)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEL matches *	UEFA matches
Said Ennjimi	13/06/1973	2	10

UEFA Europa League matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

No matches found

Other matches - Matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
09/09/08	U21	QR	Croatia - Italy	1-1	Varazdin

* Group stage to final only

Competition information

The UEFA Cup evolved from the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, and was first contested as the UEFA Cup in 1971/72. This season the UEFA Cup has been reborn as the UEFA Europa League. The new name heralds major changes to the competition, which has a new 48-team group stage with centralised marketing of broadcast rights, a presenting sponsor - Spanish car manufacturer SEAT - and an official matchball in addition to centralised sponsorship from the knockout stage and a new logo and visual identity.

• **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in a UEFA club competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, from the group stage a player is suspended for one match after three cautions in three different matches, as well as following any subsequent odd-numbered caution (fifth, seventh, ninth, etc). Single yellow cards and pending suspensions are always carried forward either to the next stage of the competition or to another club competition in the current season.

• **Locally-trained players rule:** In February 2005, UEFA announced the 'A' list that teams submit for UEFA club competitions will continue to be limited to 25 players, and from the 2008/09 season at least eight places are reserved for players trained by the club's own football academy of which half can be players trained by other clubs from within the same association of the said club. The 'B' list also continues to exist – involving an unlimited number of Under-21 players who have been at the club for any uninterrupted period of two years since their 15th birthday.

A club-trained player is defined as a player who has been registered for a minimum of three seasons with the club between the age of 15 and 21, whereas an association-trained player is one who has been registered for at least three seasons by the club or by other clubs affiliated to the same association between the age of 15 and 21.

• **Away goals rule:** For matches played under the cup (knockout) system, the team which scores the greater aggregate of goals in the two matches qualifies for the next round. If the two teams involved in a tie score the same number of goals over the two legs, the team which scores more away goals qualifies for the next stage. If this procedure does not produce a result, i.e. if the two teams score the same number of goals at home and away, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes shall be played at the end of the second leg. If during extra time, both teams score the same number of goals, away goals count double (i.e. the visiting club qualifies). If no goals are scored during extra time, penalty kicks determine which team qualifies.

• **Player registration:** UEFA regulations state that for all UEFA Europa League matches from the start of the Round of 32, a club may register a maximum of three new eligible players within their squad of 25 for the remaining matches in the current competition. One player from the above quota of three who has played UEFA club competition matches for another competing club in the current season may exceptionally be registered, provided that the player has not been fielded by another club in the UEFA Europa League this season or by a club that has transferred from the UEFA Champions League to the UEFA Europa League following the group stage.

• **Assistant referees experiment:** The 144 UEFA Europa League group-stage games will be overseen by six match officials, in an experiment endorsed by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), with two additional assistant referees taking up positions alongside each goal. The additional assistant referees will provide two extra pairs of eyes to monitor the game, informing the referee of incidents that he may otherwise have missed.

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• **UEFA Europa League Statistics Handbook:** This informative guide to the new competition and the teams involved in the group stage can be downloaded as four pdf files at <http://www.uefa.com/uefa/mediaservices/publications/index.html>.

Legend

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

P-O 3rd: Third place play-off

GS - FT: Group stage - Final tournament

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Other Abbreviations

aet: Match decided after extra time **N/a:** Not Applicable

aetps: Match decided after extra time and penalty shoot-out

ag: Match decided on away goals

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

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DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

o.g.: Own goal

(p) : Penalty

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

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